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SUBJ: MESSAGE FROM FOREIGN MINISTER TO SECRETARY KISSINGER

1. EMBASSY HAS BEEN REQUESTED PASS FOLLOWING FLASH MESSAGE
FROM FOREIGN MINISTER ALLON TO SECRETARY: BEGIN TEXT:

DEAR MR. SECRETARY:

THE GOI WISHES TO INFORM THE USG AS FOLLOWS: IN
LINE WITH ISRAEL'S STANDING POLICY OF SUPPORT FOR THE PRINCIPLES
OF FREEDOM OF NAVIGATION, THE GOI HAS DECIDED, IN CONNECTION
WITH THE OPENING OF THE SUEZ CANAL, TO TAKE A NUMBER OF UNILATERAL
STEPS WHICH IT HOPES WILL CONTRIBUTE TOWARD THE REDUCTION OF
POSSIBLE TENSION IN THE SUEZ CANAL AREA.

THE STEPS DESCRIBED HERUNDER ARE NOT IN LIEU OF THE
EXISTING DISENGAGEMENT OF FORCES AGREEMENT WHICH, OF COURSE,
REMAINS VALID AND WHICH THE GOI WILL ASRUPULOUSLY OBSERVE ON A
BASIS OF RECIPROCITY WITH EGYPT. NEITHER ARE THESE STEPS
IN LIEU OF FURTHER EFFORTS TO OBTAIN A FURTHER AGREEMENT
BETWEEN ISRAEL AND EGYPT. THE READINESS OF THE GOI TO
COOPERATE IN THE DIPLOMATIC EFFORT, AS ALREADY CONVEYED TO
THE USG, REMAINS UNCHANGED.

THE STEPS WHICH THE GOI IS TAKING ARE:

(1) THE IDF WILL REDUCE BY ONE-HALF THE NUMBER OF
TANKS UNTIL NOW IN THE FORWARD AREA, 30 KILOMETERS FROM THE
CANAL AND PARALLEL TO IT.

(2) UP TO A DISTANCE OF 32 KILOMETERS FROM THE CANAL

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AND PARALLEL TO IT, NO ARTILLERY WHATSOEVER WILL NOW BE POSITIONED.

(3) THE ENTIRE ISRAELI FORCE IN THE AREA OF LIMITED
ARMANMENT AND FORCES WILLHENCEFORTH NOT EXCEED 50 PERCENT
OF THAT PERMITTED UNDER THEDISENGAGEMENT OF FORCES AGREEMENT.

(4) NO MISSILES OF ANY KIND WILL BE DEPLOYED TO A
DISTANCE OF 30 KILOMETERS FROM THE CANAL AND ALONG ITS ENTIRE
LENGTH.

IT IS TO BE NOTED THAT THE AREA IN QUESTION IS COVERED
BY AGREED AERIAL RECONNAISSANCE MISSIONS. WE CONSIDER
IT ADVISABLE TO INFORM THE GOVERNMENT OF EGYPT OF THIS DECISION
PRIOR TO THE ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE GOI AND WE SHALL BE GRATEFUL
TO THE USG FOR CONVEYING THIS INFORMATION TO EGYPT.

IN ADDITION, THE GOI WISHES THE GOE TO KNOW
THAT IT CONSIDERS THE OPENING OF THE SUEZ CANAL AN IMPORTANT
AND CONSTRUCTIVE DEVELOPMENT IN CONSONANCE WITH THE
DISENGAGEMENT OF FORCES AGREEMENT OF JANUARY 1974. THE GOI
LIKewise CONSIDERS THE OPENING OF THE SUEZ CANAL AS SERVING
THE INTERESTS OF ALL MARITIME NATIONS.

THE GOI IS INTERESTED IN THE SAFETY OF INTERNATIONAL
SHIPPING AND HOPES THAT AN ATMOSPHERE OF TRANQUILITY WILL
PREVAIL IN THE AREA OF THE SUEZ CANAL AND THE GULF OF SUEZ.

IN ADDITION TO THE ABOVE, IT IS SELF-EVIDENT THAT THEIDF, ON
LAND, SEA AND AIR, WILL HONOR THE FREEDOM OF INTERNATIONAL
NAVIGATION IN THE GULF OF SUEZ.
WITH WARMEST PERSONAL REGARDS AND GOOD WISHES. YIGAL ALLON.
END TEXT.

2. COMMENT: THE ABOVE MESSAGE WAS RECEIVED AT 1315 LOCAL. IN
PASSING IT TO US, REQUESTED THAT IT BE
TRANSMITTED BY FLASH PRECEDENCE SINCE GOI HOPES TO MAKE
ANNOUNCEMENT IN SEVERAL HOURS TIME HERE.
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